



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

A Service Sorority Founded in 1913

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Happy Founders Day Sorors!

As we look forward to what lies ahead in this new year, let us pause to look back and reflect on that pivotal moment in history when 22 college women came together on Howard University's campus to form a bond of sisterhood and service that became Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. What started as a sorority on a college campus has grown into an international sisterhood with over 900 chapters and more than 300,000 initiated collegiate and alumnae members. This is something of which every Delta can be proud.

For the last 106 years, Delta has provided public service to communities here and around the world. Working within our Five-Point Programmatic Thrust – Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement – the Sorority continues to put forth relevant and relational initiatives. And, we can't stop now! The nation's social and political climates call for our consistent engagement and participation as there are still underrepresented populations that need our voice and underserved communities that require our helping hand. There is no doubt in my mind that we will continue to answer the charge because that is who we are, and that is who we've always been.

As President and CEO of this illustrious Sorority, it is my honor to walk in the path of our Founders and Past National Presidents. These women laid a solid and fertile foundation that continues to sustain our growth and development for generations now and to come. Whether you are celebrating this Founders Day with your chapter, your line sisters or alone, it is my hope that you will join me in recommitting yourselves to the ideals of Delta. This is the highest honor we can give our Founders. As is our mantra.... Delta Sigma Theta is a lifetime commitment.

On behalf of the National Executive Committee, National Executive Board, Past National Presidents and the National Headquarters staff, Happy Founders Day. I look forward to the privilege of personally celebrating Founders Day with several of our chapters across the regions. Thank you all for keeping that good ol' Delta spirit alive!

In Sisterhood,

Beverly E. Smith
National President and CEO